

From Gertrude L. (Mrs. Charles C.) Burleigh
to W. L. Garrison.

Plainfield 3 Mo. 8th 1852

Ten thousand thanks, My Kind
Frd. for thy present which I have
just rec^d. — I was expecting to
have one of thy vol. from my
husband, but receiving it from
thee, in compliment to Chas. it is
doubly acceptable. —

I w^od not be without it
in the library for anything, tho'
I'm really afraid it will play
the mischief with our boys &
little girl, & put it into their
heads & hearts, to love the right
way best, regardless of conse-
quences, & so send them wandering
to & fro in the earth & up & down
in it, after the fashion of their
Father, leaving us poor old folks
to take all the comfort we can,
in thinking of their escapes from

makers, treason trials, & prisons,
and looking unto the end (where
is that?) for their exceeding great
reward!

But seriously, I value
the selection for its high moral
stand, above all price, and
shall enjoy reading it & lending
it, as a shaker of the dry bones,
which are plenty enough in
vicinity of us, from the feeding
on dry chop-stuff, without
ever wetting it in the waters
of life, welling always from
the wells that the elders are
still digging with their staffs,
as they climb heavenward. —
Thanks to thee for the pure draughts
thy probings has afforded us —

When Helen & thou can
visit us, please feel sure of a
welcome from Yours-fd. E. K. Burleigh